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SUBJ: EC PARTICIPATION IN SPOKANE EXPOSITION

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1. ON MAY 16 THE EC COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES CONSIDERED THE SUBJECT OF EC PARTICIPATION AT THE SPOKANE EXPOSITION. THE BELGIAN CHAIRMAN INTRODUCED THE TOPIC NOTING THAT ALL NINE MEMBER STATES APPEARED TO FAVOR PARTICIPATION.

HOWEVER, EIGHT OF THEM FAVORED A COMMUNITY- SPONSORED AND FINANCED EXHIBIT, WHILE ONE MEMBER, FRANCE, FAVORED ONLY A GROUPING OF INDIVIDUALLY- FINANCED, INDIVIDUALLY- ORGANIZED MEMBER STATE EXHIBITS. HE ADDED THAT THE WORKING

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GROUP WHICH STUDIED THE ISSUE WAS UNABLE TO ARRIVE AT A RECOMMENDATION SATISFACTORY TO ALL THE MEMBERS. OUR SOURCES INFORM US THAT THERE WAS PRACTICALLY NO DISCUSSION, AND THE COMMITTEE MOVED ON TO THE NEXT TOPIC. (THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT NORMALLY TAKE VOTES ON INDIVIDUAL QUESTION.) THE VIEWS OF THE COMMISSION ITSELF, WERE NOT REQUESTED AT THIS MEETING AS THEY MADE CLEAR AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS THEIR APPROVAL OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION, PREFERABLY BY THE COMMUNITY AS SUCH.

2. COMMENT: THE NEGATIVE FRENCH POSITION ON COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION (AS CONTRASTED WITH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER STATE EXHIBITS ON A GROUPED BASIS) HAS ONCE AGAIN EFFECTIVELY BLOCKED A COMMUNITY CONSENSUS ON SPOKANE PARTICIPATION. GIVEN THE OUTCOME OF THE PERMREPS' MEETING, WE SEE NO WAY TO REACTIVATE COMMUNITY CONSIDERATION THROUGH THE EC COMMISSION. WASHINGTON MAY WISH TO CONSIDER NEW APPROACHES IN ALL OR SELECTED MEMBER STATES CAPITALS.
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